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Food & Drug Administration  
Dockets Management Branch (HFA-305)  
5630 Fishers Lane, Room 1061  
Rockville, MD 20852

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**RE: Docket #98N-1230; 96P-0418; 97P-0197**

I am contacting the Food and Drug Administration in reference to the above mentioned docket numbers and urge the following actions:

1. Ban farm practices, such as forced molting. (Such activities affect human health in a negative way.)
2. Prohibit the practice of forced molting because forced molting, ~~Forced molting~~ promotes disease in the hens by destroying starving hen's' immune systems.
3. Do more than put bacteria warning labels on egg cartons and regulate egg refrigeration temperatures.
4. Grant the petition in April 1998 to ban forced molting immediately.

Forced molting is a horrible practice that Great Britain banned more than ten years ago: hens are starved, denied water, and given drugs. Thousands of hens die of shock during the forced molting period and thousands more choke to death when they are finally allowed to eat.

Thank you for your consideration in this urgent matter.

Yours truly,

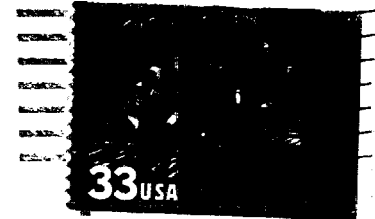


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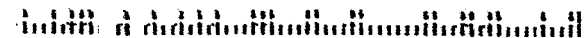
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